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SCREW AND DRIVER SYSTEM WITH
INCREASED INSERTION TORQUE
TOLERANCE AND ASSOCIATED
METHOD FOR MAKING AND USING
SAME

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EXTENSION PETITION

Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully petitions for a one-month extension of time to reset the deadline for response to the Office Action in the above-identified application from June 22, 2004 to and including July 22, 2004.

A \$110 fee is due in connection with the filing of this Petition and the accompanying Amendment. The Examiner is authorized to charge this \$110 fee to Deposit Account No. 501402. If any further fees are due, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 501402.

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